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Dear Members of the Board of the Regional Organization for Western Energy,

As the Board of Governors of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), we extend our sincere congratulations on your appointment to the inaugural Board of the Regional Organization for Western Energy (ROWE). Your selection marks a significant milestone for the West and reflects years of collaboration and commitment by stakeholders across the region to establish an enduring governance framework for the western energy markets.

As our organizations begin this new chapter, we recognize the important responsibility entrusted to both boards. We share a commitment to reliable and affordable electricity service, efficient regional markets, and the long-term interests of consumers throughout the West. We embrace the opportunity to work together in support of a governance model built to serve the region for decades to come.

We view the creation of ROWE not only as a governance achievement but as the beginning of a lasting institutional partnership between two organizations with distinct but complementary roles. As market participation evolves, we remain committed to ensuring that the West can continue to benefit from CAISO's technical and operational expertise. Our shared objective is a durable governance structure that adapts to changing circumstances while preserving stability, transparency, and regional trust.

The CAISO Board supports pursuing implementation of the process outlined in AB 825. As implementation progresses, we are equally committed to building a collaborative institutional relationship between CAISO and ROWE. To that end, we believe our organizations should work toward, as soon as practicable, developing a shared conceptual framework describing the nature of the bilateral relationship between ROWE and CAISO. This will provide a foundation for negotiating a comprehensive ISO-ROWE coordination agreement in 2027 and help ensure transparency, accountability, and continuity of service.

We also recognize that independent governance depends on organizational structures that support it. In the coming months, CAISO will share additional information on organizational changes we are making to reinforce the distinction between our responsibilities as a balancing authority and transmission operator and our responsibilities as the operator of the western energy markets.

We are committed to serving as a constructive partner and resource as the ROWE Board begins its work. We look forward to sharing lessons learned, supporting continued stakeholder engagement, and working with you to advance the shared vision of an independently governed regional market that delivers reliable, efficient, and enduring benefits to electricity consumers across the West.

Congratulations again on your appointment. We look forward to working with you in the spirit of partnership and shared purpose during this historic period of regional transformation.

Sincerely,
California ISO Board of Governors



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